

Focus on 5th



News and Events in the 5th Grade

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Important Dates

Apr 11-12	Spelling Bee Preliminary Round
Apr 12	Social Studies Research Sheet Due
Apr 15	Civil War Test
Apr 15	Digestive System Quiz
Apr 19	Social Studies Poster Due/Presentations Begin
Apr 21	Institute Day - No School
Apr 22	No School
Apr 26	Spelling Bee Final Round
Apr 27	Final Novel Project Due

Dear Families,

When you first enrolled your child in District 97, you provided several documents that verified your residency in Oak Park and your child's eligibility to attend our schools. We are asking parents/guardians of all current students to participate in this important process again to ensure that we continue to provide the children of this community with a quality education in accordance with state law and district policy. Letters went out earlier this week about the district's re-registration program. Each family will be required to come in to verify residency. Ms. Krikau and Ms. O'Malley will be taking care of this for Holmes School. Please direct any questions to them. Holmes re-registration will be on the following dates:

April 20 - 7-9 am

April 21 - 8 am - 1pm

April 27 - 5-7 pm

Student Council is sponsoring a spring food drive during the month of April. There will be collection boxes in each classroom. Your donations will help stock the Oak Park and River Forest Food Pantry. In addition to non-perishable food items, the Food Pantry will also accept monetary donations. Working with their hunger relief partners, the Food Pantry can purchase food at a dramatic discount. A typical food allotment costs \$63 at a retail grocery store, while the Pantry can purchase the same items at a cost of only \$5.41. We hope that you will give generously to this worthy local cause.

SPECIALS

Spanish

Students will be starting to learn a new song for the completion ceremony with lyrics in both English and Spanish! You can hear the song on the Spanish blog.

<http://mpoleski.blogspot.com/p/quintofifth.html>



Reading/Literature

For our novel study this week *Under the Blood Red Sun* classes will be focusing on visualizing and making connections and *The Breadwinner* classes will be focusing on the identifying different types of conflict in the novel. We will continue to learn additional Greek and Latin roots. Final Novel Projects are due **Friday, April 27th**.

Math

Fraction multiplication and division quizzes will be returned tomorrow. Today we began a new unit on algebra. This week we will focus on using a pan balance to model algebraic equations. At the end of the month, students will begin working on a project in which they decide how to spend one million dollars. We will need to determine the costs of items, so please save your Sunday paper ads (cars, electronics, real estate, vacation trips, clothing) and have your child bring them in to school.

Science

The nervous and circulatory system quiz was returned today. If students got a 2, they may make corrections on the back of the quiz and return it by Monday, April 18th at the latest. We will continue to learn about the digestive system this week and we will be focusing on nutrition. There will be a quiz on the digestive system on Friday, April 15th.

Social Studies

Just a reminder, the Civil War research sheet is due this **Tuesday, April 12**. I will assign the poster on Tuesday and it will be due **Tuesday, April 19**. Students will present their final product to the class beginning **April 19**. A test on the Civil War unit will be given this **Friday, April 15**. Students received a study guide in class last Friday.

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